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**FEBRUARY 6, 1992**

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Ms. Linda Johnson, Do You Care Coalition for Commercial Fishermen. The waters are big enough for both recreational and commercial fishermen. Commercial has a right to earn a living. Ms. Johnson does not believe cutting back a quarter of a million pounds on commercial industry is going to do one thing to save the resource.

Conservation needs to be done fairly. Ms. Johnson is against the rule.

Mr. Terry LeBeau, commercial fishermen, Chauvin, LA. Mr. LeBeau is against the rule. It is not right to shut the commercial fishermen down on the weekends.

Mr. Jim Bourge, Abbeville, LA. Mr. Bourge is against the rule. The power to regulate is not the power to destroy and this is exactly what is being done with callous disregard to the constitutional rights of every commercial fisherman. This rule is not conservation as declared and is an attempt to destroy one industry in favor of another.

Mr. Donald Liret, President, Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization. Mr. Liret is against the rule. Fishermen should be considered as one class of people and not two. This regulations is splitting up the fishermen in Louisiana into two classes which is unconstitutional and discriminating against one class of fishermen and violates rights under the equal protection act. Mr. Liret asked the Commission to vote no to this rule.

Mr. Roy Trahan, commercial fisherman, Chauvin, LA. Mr. Trahan pointed out that the redfish that they cannot catch might be eating the spawnings of the trout. Mr. Trahan is against the rule.

Mr. Henry Trulove, President of Henry Trulove Fish Company, President of Louisiana Fishermen for Fair Laws, member of the Governor's Marine Finfish Task Force. An oral and written request at a public hearing was made by Mr. Trulove to obtain the scientific and technical data on the trout. As of this day no response has been received from the department or Commission. Mr. Trulove requested again that they receive this information. Secretary Herring was requested by Mr. Trulove that he look at the possibility of putting the Marine Finfish Panel back together. Mr. Trulove asked the Commission to vote against the rule. If the rule passes the fishermen will have no alternative but to take legal action.

Chairman Jenkins advised that this was the fourth Commission meeting on this subject, there were three committee meetings opened to the public on the subject and there was one public hearing. The whole subject matter and data has been available from day one in August.

Chairman Jenkins asked for the pleasure of the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Pol that they ratify the plan as submitted. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed five to one. Mr. Mialjevich voted against the motion.

(The full text of the rule is

made a part of the record)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts rules and regulations affecting the management of the spotted seatrout fishery in Louisiana.

TITLE 76  
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

Section 341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

The proposed rules and regulations are as follows:

A. There shall be a closed season for the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and a prohibition of the commercial possession of spotted seatrout, including but not limited to a prohibition of the possession of spotted seatrout on any vessel possessing or fishing any seine, gill net, trammel net, or hoop net, whether taken from within or without Louisiana waters, and the commercial sale, barter, or trade of spotted seatrout in Louisiana from 12:01 AM May 1 until midnight September 14 of every year.

B. There shall be a prohibition of the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and the commercial possession of spotted seatrout on the waters of the state, including but not limited to a prohibition of the possession of spotted seatrout during the closed period on any vessel possessing or fishing any seine, gill net, trammel net, or hoop net, whether taken from within or without Louisiana waters from sunset Friday through sunset Sunday for every weekend of the open commercial spotted seatrout season.

C. The annual commercial quota for spotted seatrout shall be one million pounds.

D. The commercial season for spotted seatrout shall be closed each year on 12:01 A.M. May 1, or when the quota has been reached, or when the staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries predicts the one million pound quota will be met, whichever comes first.

E. Nothing shall prohibit the possession, sale, barter or exchange by commercial fishermen off the water of fish legally taken during any open period, or commercial dealers and anyone

other than a commercial fisherman licensed to sell, barter or exchange spotted seatrout from possessing, selling, bartering or trading spotted seatrout taken legally during any open period provided that those who are required to do so shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); 56:325.3; 56:326.3.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18: (February 1992).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

A request was brought before the Commission by Mr. John Roussel to Amend Mullet Trip Limits. Mr. Roussel gave background information on this item. A group of fishermen met with department staff and presented what they identified as being some problems with the recent statute which was passed concerning regulations on mullet. The department is in the process of developing a Mullet Management Plan and the Commission has the authority to make changes. The fishermen were advised that they could come to the Commission meeting and make their request. Chairman Jenkins asked if there was anyone at the meeting who wanted to speak on the request. Mr. Michael Ganart and attorney from Chalmette, LA addressed the Commission. Mr. Ganart was requested by a number of fishermen and seafood wholesalers in lower St. Bernard Parish and Plaquemines Parish to address the Commission regarding the new law on mullet. A letter was sent to all the Commission members basically giving them some idea of what Mr. Ganart was going to discuss today. After a lengthy discussion between the Commissioners, John Roussel and Mr. Ganart on this issue which involved the poundage, roe, data, what other states are doing with mullet, Louisiana landings, out of state participation, etc. the Commission was asked to do something about the trip limit poundage for the taking of mullet outside of the established season. Mr. Roussel proceeded to give a brief background on the present regulations. The regulations on mullet were enacted during the 1991 Legislative Session. There is a newly developed market for mullet and there is the chance that it could dry up if the regulations are not changed.

Mr. Vujnovich made a motion that the limit be changed to 1,500 pounds and also recommended that a month or sixty days from now the Commission and department look into the details of this issue and see what it is doing to the mullet population. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall. Chairman Jenkins called for discussion from the Commission and audience. A gentleman from the audience



asked about the motion and it was explained that Mr. Vujnovich was just changing the law from 200 pounds to 1,500 pounds. Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. John Roussel brought before the Commission the Crab Trap Marking Rule for ratification. This rule establishes a crab trap marking system and has gone through the APA process. This marking system requires that crab traps be marked with a 1/2" stainless steel self-locking tag which are to be supplied by the fishermen and carry the commercial fisherman's license number on them. This system was developed by the Crab Task Force and presented to the department at which time the rule was developed.

Chairman Jenkins called for comments from the Commission and audience. There being none he called for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Vujnovich for adoption of this rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed unanimously.

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#### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a rule to mandate marking of crab traps.

#### TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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#### Section 345. Crab Trap Marking

Each crab trap shall be marked with a 1/2-inch stainless steel self-locking tag attached to the center of the trap ceiling. Said tags shall be supplied by the fishermen and shall have the commercial fisherman's license number (not the commercial gear license) or the recreational crab trap gear license number printed thereon.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332.

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At this point in the meeting Mr. Don Puckett, Legal Counsel, advised that the action concerning the Mullet Trip Limit, as he understands it, was a motion for a notice of intent to amend the regulations. He further stated that he did not want the fishermen to be confused and think that they could begin using the limit immediately because there is a 150 day process (APA) to put the rule in place. After discussion on enacting an emergency rule and if there is imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare it was decided that there was imminent peril to welfare (economic) as fishermen and wholesalers are experiencing problems with the market drying up. Mr. Puckett pointed out that the motion was made for a notice of intent and not a declaration of emergency and if a declaration of emergency is enacted the fishermen could start fishing immediately. Mr. Vujnovich made a motion to amend his first motion that in light of an economic emergency that the trip limit on mullet be changed to 1,500 pounds per day which will be reflected in a declaration of emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously. Represent Louis Odinet thanked the Commission for their efforts in an attempt to help the fishermen.

An Update on the Waterfowl and Deer Hunting Season was given by Mr. Robert Helm and Mr. Dave Moreland. Mr. Helm gave an update on the Louisiana waterfowl season. There were few changes in the regulations this season; there was a Catahoula Lake Zone for the first time this year with a thirty day straight season; second year of a three year experimental Canada goose season; first year for statewide regulations for steel shot; there was a statewide rainfall of eighty inches and the largest recorded in over a hundred years; rains reduced soybean acreage to fifty percent of what it is normally in the state with a ninety percent reduction in the southwest part of the state; there was some good cold weather in early November but otherwise the winter was extremely mild; two populations surveys were done, prior to and following season, with both showing excellent high number of ducks in the coastal zone; duck hunting turned out to be poorer than anticipated but some exceptions to this were extreme southwest marshes particularly during the first split; hunting quality did improve moving to the east with good hunting over the deltas of the Mississippi and Atchafalaya and Bayou Penchant Basin; the eastern coastal zone supported more success through most of the season; harvest information from the past two seasons was compared to this year's season and there were no changes this year; north Louisiana had poor hunting success but had good hunting in some of the back water associated with the Mississippi, Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers; Catahoula Lake had record number of birds in mid November and hunting was good but was eliminated by early December because of high water; despite an improvement in the statewide availability and high populations estimates just prior to and following the season a harvest reduction is anticipated for the state; hunter permits were down by fifty percent this year for the Canada goose

program with seven hundreds hunters taking seventy five geese concluded Mr. Helm.

Mr. Schneider asked about a season on cormorants. Mr. Helm explained that this was a protected bird and was not a waterfowl. The Department of Agriculture is working with fisheries people and some permits are being furnished in special situations. A season is not expected.

Mr. Dave Moreland gave a summary on the deer harvest. Permit and check stations were conducted on the wildlife management areas; there were 43,363 hunter efforts killing 3,127 deer averaging one deer for every fourteen efforts; overall kill on WMA's is up from year before; there were 1,222 participants during the Youth Hunts with fifty two deer taken during the hunt; there were no totals on the bucks only or muzzleloader seasons on the WMA's; outside seasons were excellent in Areas 2,3, and 4; success rates varied in 1 and 6; there were 375 deer killed with 194 being bucks and 181 does out of the eleven cooperators; nineteen of the deer killed were with bow and arrow; four deer were killed during the special muzzleloader season.

Mr. Schneider asked about the doe harvest on the WMA's and body weights. Overall the physical conditions were good on the areas advised Mr. Moreland.

A Schedule of Meetings for Developing Proposals for 1993 Hunting Seasons was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman. A tentative date of Friday, February 14th was proposed to the Commission. This is flexible but Mr. Bateman emphasized that a Fiscal Impact Statement has to be produced by February 20th. The proposed regulations should be brought before the Commission at the March meeting and final ratification should occur at the July meeting. Hopefully this will allow the department to produce and distribute the hunting pamphlets by September 1, 1992.

Mr. Bateman introduced Mr. John Mullins who was appointed to the District VII Supervisor's position. Mr. Mullins is a twenty year veteran of the Game Division and has been working as a district biologist at Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Mullins will replace Mr. Dave Moreland.

Chairman Jenkins advised that it has been brought to his attention that there is a Proposed Resolution on a Shrimp Season Issue that needs to come before the Commission. The subject matter would involve giving the Secretary of the department the authority to close the shrimp season in part if the biological data indicates the need. A motion was called for by Chairman Jenkins to waive the rules so that this issue could be heard and acted upon. A motion was made by Mr. Pol to waive the rules to introduce the resolution on the shrimping season. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jenkins called on Mr. John Roussel to read the resolution. The department is continuing to monitor the populations of shrimp in Louisiana's offshore waters although it is very difficult to do at this time of the year because of the weather and the department does not have large boats. There are some marketable shrimp in some areas and the department would not feel comfortable recommending at this time closure of the entire state waters. Enforcement Division approached the Marine Fisheries Division and indicated that they are having an increase in the number of cases that they are making in some areas. This resolution would give some flexibility and would enable the department to close the season before the Commission meeting in March.

Chairman Jenkins called on the Commission for comments or questions. Mr. Milajevich asked about the complaints and where they were coming from. Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark advised that these complaints were coming from Terrebonne, west. Mr. Milajevich asked that Enforcement and the biologists work closely together on this because this is hard economical times in the shrimping industry and he would hate to see areas closed where there are marketable shrimp.

Chairman Jenkins called for comments and questions from the audience. The following addressed the Commission:

Mr. Dale Vinet, Shrimp Processor, Delcambre, LA advised that he has been fighting the small shrimp problem since November. The Enforcement Agents need to be advised as to what they can or cannot do as far as enforcement. Mr. Vinet believes that once the biologists look at this they will find about the same direction this year (Wine Island Pass to the Texas State Line) as was found the last year that Mr. Vinet was a Commissioner. Closing the three mile limit is not going to solve the whole problem because the shrimp are as far out as ten miles but it will help. If it would not had been for all the small shrimp that were caught this past winter there would be a great white shrimp season come this May. The State of Louisiana should not be in three zones but two zones. One zone should be from Wine Island Pass all the way to the Texas state line and another from Wine Island Pass all the way to the Mississippi state line. Something needs to be done to conserve the white shrimp.

Mr. Houston Foret advised that the fishermen have been fighting the three mile limit for a long time and a lot of shrimp were left in the area that was being discussed. If this is left alone, in the future the fishermen will benefit. The Texas people got the shrimp last year. Let the fishermen this year catch as much as they can, even forgetting about the hundred count law and also open the brown shrimp season earlier. If this doesn't work go back to what the department has been doing in the past. The three mile limit does not help anything. There is no law that says Texas people cannot

go outside of three miles, catch the undersized shrimp and go back to Texas and sell them. The state would not benefit from the closure and would also be hurting the commercial fishermen in the State of Louisiana. Mr. Foret asked that no action be taken on this issue and advised that most of the complaints are coming from the crab fishermen.

Mr. Donald Liret, President of Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization. Mr. Liret wants the beach to be left open. Not one year since there have been beach closures has there been an economic benefit to the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Levy Brunet advised that he was against the closure of the season and asked that it be left as is. Louisiana should be tired of growing shrimp for Texas.

Mr. Vinet commented on the hundred count and stated that if anybody believed that white shrimp migrated to Texas then they had better go see the biologists because they do not know what they are talking about.

Mr. Ted Loupe, Gulf Side Seafood, Leeville, LA. The state laws were adopted into the federal law last year.

Mr. Dean Blanchard, Blanchard Seafood, Grand Isle, LA. Mr. Blanchard would like to get the biologist to tell them what is happening to the shrimp. As it gets colder, the shrimp are getting clearer and skinnier, are the shrimp going to live or die. If the shrimp are going to die they should be caught but if they live you may have a chance to catch them next year. Whether or not the shrimp are going to live or die needs to be answered first before a decision is made.

Mr. Pol pointed out that the resolution is delegating the authority to the Secretary to close the season when data proves such, and is not closing the season as of now. Mr. Milajevich asked about the Shrimp Plan coming from LSU through Dr. Richard Condrey. Chairman Jenkins advised that the plan is two years overdue and every time he ask about it it's six more months. Mr. Roussel advised that there is a timetable now that everybody has agreed to and there will be a product. Mr. Roussel further stated that Mr. Puckett indicated that if the Commission passes the resolution today the department would be required to hold a public meeting prior to the Secretary taking any kind of action.

Mr. Pol made a motion that the resolution as submitted to the Commission be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milajevich and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution  
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
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- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Commission, and
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- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on salt water white shrimp shall average no more than one hundred specimens on the pounds, and
- WHEREAS, there has been an increase in both the number of complaints and the number of enforcement cases being made regarding the taking of illegal sized white shrimp in Louisiana's offshore waters,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to close the offshore shrimp season in part or all of those parts of the State territorial waters, if enforcement problems arise or if biological data indicates the need to do so, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to set special pink shrimp seasons or special white shrimp season, if technical data indicates sufficient quantities of marketable shrimp are available.

Jimmy Jenkins  
Chairman

Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

Ms. Wynnette Kees, Fiscal Officer, gave an Update on Civil Penalties. There was not much to report this month. They are now over the peak time in Commercial License Section so the staff is working on the backlog of assessments and correspondence. Procedures have been implemented to fill the vacant position that will be responsible for the program which should increase collections considerably. The lifetime licenses went on sale January 1, 1992, and for the month of January thirty nine have been sold. Secretary Herring questioned Ms. Kees on the lifetime license and stated his concerns about losing money on these licenses in the long run. Ms. Kees explained that from every license bought fifty dollars goes into the Conservation Fund and the rest goes into the Endowment Fund to draw interest. Chairman

Jenkins advised that he agrees with Secretary Herring on the economics of this and asked Ms. Kees to give a report at the next Commission meeting. Chairman Jenkins further asked Ms. Kees if an effort was being made to collect Civil Penalties. Mr. Kees advised that during the month of November, December, and half of January there were no assessments sent out because the group was busy with commercial licenses. Chairman Jenkins wants the department to make an effort to collect the money and wants a report next month giving firm times, dates, and plan to collect penalties.

The Monthly Law Enforcement for January was given by Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark. The following number of cases were made for the month of January 1992.

Region I - Minden - 56 cases.

Region II - Monroe - 75 cases.

Region III - Alexandria - 57 cases.

Region IV - Ferriday - 64 cases.

Region V - Lake Charles 286 cases.

Region VI - Opelousas 147 cases.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 139 cases.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 173 cases.

Region IX Thibodaux - 219 cases.

The Oyster Strike Force made 96 cases with 95 being commercial fishing violations and only 1 being boating; 450 sacks of oysters seized with four boats and dredges.

SWEP Section had 105 running hours; 17 boats checked; made 9 cases.

There was a total of 1,391 cases for the month of January.

The Secretary's Report was not given this month

The Date for the April Commission Meeting was set for Thursday, April 2, 1992, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 10:00 a.m. in the Louisiana Room.

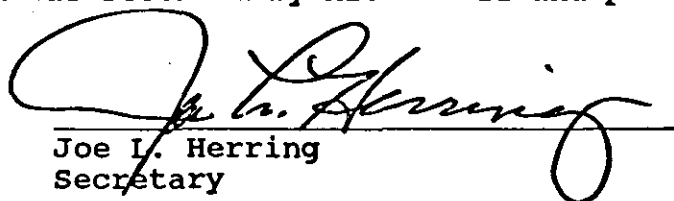
Chairman Jenkins asked for Public Comments.

Chairman Jenkins commented on the fish hatchery and its status and asked the department to follow up on the its status. The District Attorney's report needs to be put on a regular scheduled basis for

reporting to the Commission and Chairman Jenkins asked those involved to please check on this.

Mr. Mialjevich thanked the Governor for putting him on the Commission and thanked the Commissioners for letting him work with them. He is looking forward to working with the Commission and the public and would like to see rules and regulations made through the Commission and department that are going to consider the social and economic aspects and ramifications after a rule is passed not only on the harvester but also on related businesses that deal with these people. The main objective of Mr. Mialjevich being on the Commission is to save the habitat and eco system. Without this there is no recreational or commercial fishing.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Schneider for Adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.



Joe L. Herring  
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Ms. Linda Johnson, Do You Care Coalition for Commercial Fishermen. The waters are big enough for both recreational and commercial fishermen. Commercial has a right to earn a living. Ms. Johnson does not believe cutting back a quarter of a million pounds on commercial industry is going to do one thing to save the resource. Conservation needs to be done fairly. Ms. Johnson is against the rule.

Mr. Terry LeBeau, commercial fishermen, Chauvin, LA. Mr. LeBeau is against the rule. It is not right to shut the commercial fishermen down on the weekends. *a*

Mr. Jim Bourge, Abbeville, LA. Mr. Bourge is against the rule. The power to regulate is not the power to destroy and this is exactly what is being done with callous disregard to the constitutional rights of every commercial fishermen. This rule is not conservation as declared and is an attempt to destroy one industry in favor of another.

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Mr. Donald Liret, President, Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization. Mr. Liret is against the rule. Fishermen should be considered as one class of people and not two. This regulations is splitting up the fishermen in Louisiana into two classes which is unconstitutional and discriminating against one class of fishermen and violates rights under the equal protection act. Mr. Liret asked the Commission to vote no to this rule.

Mr. Roy Trahan, commercial fisherman, Chauvin, LA. Mr. Trahan pointed out that the redbfish that they cannot catch might be eating the spawlings of the trout. Mr. Trahan is against the rule.

Mr. Henry Trulove, President of Henry Trulove Fish Company, President of Louisiana Fishermen for Fair Laws, member of the Governor's Marine Finfish Task Force. An oral and written request at a public hearing was made by Mr. Trulove to obtain the scientific and technical data on the trout. As of this day no response has been received from the department or Commission. Mr. Trulove requested again that they receive this information. Secretary Herring was requested by Mr. Trulove that he look at the possibility of putting the Marine Finfish Panel back together. Mr. Trulove asked the Commission to vote against the rule. If the rule passes the fishermen will have no alternative but to take legal action.

Chairman Jenkins advised that this was the fourth Commission meeting on this subject, there were three committee meetings opened to the public on the subject and there was one public hearing. The whole subject matter and data has been available from day one in August.

Chairman Jenkins asked for the pleasure of the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Pol that they ratify the plan as submitted. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed five to one. Mr. Mialjevich voted against the motion.

(The full text of the rule is made a part of the record)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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### TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

A request was brought before the Commission by Mr. John Roussel to **Amend Mullet Trip Limits**. Mr. Roussel gave background information on this item. A group of fishermen met with department staff and presented what they identified as being ~~some problems with the~~ recent statute which was passed concerning regulations on mullet. The department is in the process of developing a Mullet Management Plan and the Commission ~~does~~ has the authority to make changes. The fishermen were advised that they could come to the Commission meeting and make their request. Chairman Jenkins asked if there was anyone at the meeting who wanted to speak on the request. Mr. Michael Ganart and attorney from Chalmette, LA addressed the Commission. Mr. Ganart was requested by a number of fishermen and seafood wholesalers in lower St. Bernard Parish and Plaquemines Parish to address the Commission regarding the new law on mullet. A letter was sent to all the Commission members basically giving them some idea of what Mr. Ganart was going to discuss today. After a lengthy discussion between the Commissioners, John Roussel and Mr. Ganart on this issue which involved the poundage, roe, data, what other states are doing with mullet, Louisiana landings, out of state participation, etc. the Commission was asked to do something about the trip limit poundage for the taking of mullet outside of the established season. Mr. Roussel proceeded to give a brief background on the present regulations. The regulations on mullet were enacted during the 1991 Legislative Session. There is a newly developed market for mullet and there is the chance that it could dry up if the regulations are not changed. X

*who?* Mr. Vujnovich made a motion that the limit be changed to 1,500 pounds and also recommended that a month or sixty days from now look into the details of this issue and see what it is doing to the mullet population. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall. Chairman Jenkins called for discussion from the Commission and audience. A gentleman from the audience asked about the motion and it was explained that Mr. Vujnovich was just changing the law from 200 pounds to 1,500 pounds. Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. John Roussel brought before the Commission the **Crab Trap Marking Rule** for ratification. This rule establishes a crab trap marking system and has gone through the APA process. This marking system requires that crab traps be marked with a 1/2" stainless steel self-locking tag which are to be supplied by the fishermen

and carry the commercial fisherman's license number on them. This system was developed by the Crab Task Force and presented to the department at which time the rule was developed.

Chairman Jenkins called for comments from the Commission and audience. There being none he called for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Vujnovich for adoption of this rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the rule is  
made a part of the record)

#### RULE

#### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a rule to mandate marking of crab traps.

#### TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

#### Section 345. Crab Trap Marking

Each crab trap shall be marked with a 1/2-inch stainless steel self-locking tag attached to the center of the trap ceiling. Said tags shall be supplied by the fishermen and shall have the commercial fisherman's license number (not the commercial gear license) or the recreational crab trap gear license number printed thereon.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332.

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

At this point in the meeting Mr. Don Puckett, Legal Counsel, advised that the action concerning the **Mullet Trip Limit**, as he understands it, was a motion for a notice of intent to amend the regulations. He further stated that he did not want the fishermen to be confused and think that they could begin using the limit immediately because there is a 150 day process (APA) to put the rule in place. After discussion on enacting an emergency rule and if there is imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare it was decided that there was imminent peril to welfare (economic) as fishermen and wholesalers are experiencing problems with the market drying up. Mr. Puckett pointed out that the motion was made

for a notice of intent and not a declaration of emergency and if a declaration of emergency is enacted the fishermen could start fishing immediately. Mr. Vujnovich made a motion to amend his first motion that in light of an economic emergency that the trip limit on mullet be changed to 1,500 pounds per day which will be reflected in a declaration of emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously. Represent Louis Odinet thanked the Commission for their efforts in an attempt to help the fishermen.

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An Update on the Waterfowl and Deer Hunting Season was given by Mr. Robert Helm and Mr. Dave Moreland. Mr. Helm gave an update on the Louisiana waterfowl season. There were few changes in the regulations this season; there was a Catahoula Lake Zone for the first time this year with a thirty day straight season; second year of a three year experimental Canada goose season; first year for statewide regulations for steel shot; there was a statewide rainfall of eighty inches and the largest recorded in over a hundred years; rains reduced soybean acreage to fifty percent of what it is normally in the state with a ninety percent reduction in the southwest part of the state; there was some good cold weather in early November but otherwise the winter was extremely mild; two populations surveys were done, prior to and following season, with both showing excellent high number of ducks in the coastal zone; duck hunting turned out to be poorer than anticipated but some exceptions to this was extreme southwest marshes particularly during the first split; hunting quality did improve moving to the east with good hunting over the deltas of the Mississippi and Atchafalaya and Bayou Penchant Basin; the eastern coastal zone supported more success through most of the season; harvest information from the past two seasons were compared to this year's season and there were no changes this year; north Louisiana had poor hunting success but had good hunting in some of the back water associated with the Mississippi, Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers; Catahoula Lake had record number of birds in mid November and hunting was good but was eliminated by early December because of high water; despite an improvement in the statewide availability and high populations estimates just prior to and following the season a harvest reduction is anticipated for the state; hunter permits were down by fifty percent this year for the Canada goose program with seven hundreds hunters taking seventy five geese concluded Mr. Helm. were  
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Mr. Schneider asked about a season on Cormorants. Mr. Helm explained that this was a protected bird and was not a waterfowl. The Department of Agriculture is working with some fisheries people with supplying them with permits in special situations. A season is not expected.

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Mr. Dave Moreland gave a summary on the deer harvest. Permit and check stations were conducted on the wildlife management areas; there was 43,363 hunter efforts killing 3,127 deer averaging one deer for every fourteen effort; overall kill on WMA's is up from year before; there were 1,222 participants during the Youth Hunts  
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with fifty two deer taken during the hunt; there were no totals on the bucks's only or muzzleloader seasons on the wma's; outside seasons were excellent in Areas 2,3, and 4; success rates varied in 1 and 6; there were 375 deer killed with 194 being bucks and 181 does out of the eleven cooperators; nineteen of the deer killed were with bow and arrow; four deer were killed during the special muzzleloader season.

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Mr. Schneider asked about the doe harvest on the wma's and body weights. Overall the physical conditions were good on the areas advised Mr. Moreland.

**A Schedule of Meetings for Developing Proposals for 1993 Hunting Seasons** was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman. A tentative date of Friday, February 14th was proposed to the Commission. This is flexible but Mr. Bateman emphasized that a Fiscal Impact Statement has to be produced by February 20th. The proposed regulations should be brought before the Commission at the March meeting and final ratification should occur at the July meeting. Hopefully this will allow the department to produce and distribute the hunting pamphlets by September 1, 1992.

Mr. Bateman introduced Mr. John Mullins who was appointed to the District VII Supervisor's position. Mr. Mullins is a twenty year veteran of the Game Division and has been working as a district biologist at Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Mullins will replace Mr. Dave Moreland.

Chairman Jenkins advised that it has been brought to his attention that there is a **Proposed Resolution on a Shrimp Issue** that needs to come before the Commission. The subject matter would involve giving the Secretary of the department the authority to close the shrimp season in part if the biological data indicates the need. A motion was called for by Chairman Jenkins to waive the rules so that this issue could be heard and acted upon. A motion was made by Mr. Pol to waive the rules to introduce the resolution on the shrimping season. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jenkins called on Mr. John Roussel to read the resolution. The department is continuing to monitor the populations of shrimp in Louisiana's offshore waters although it is very difficult to do at this time of the year because of the weather and the department does not have large boats. There are some marketable shrimp in some areas and the department would not feel comfortable recommending at this time closure of the entire state waters. Enforcement Division approached the Fisheries Division and indicated that they are having an increase in the number of cases that they are making in some areas. This resolution would give some flexibility and would enable the department to close the season before the Commission meeting in March.

Chairman Jenkins called on the Commission for comments or questions. Mr. Milajevich asked about the complaints and where



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they were coming from. Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark advised that these ~~complainings~~ were coming from Terrebonne, west. Mr. Milajevich asked that Enforcement and the biologist work closely together on this because this is hard economical times in the shrimping industry and he would hate to see areas closed where there are marketable shrimp.

Chairman Jenkins called for comments and questions from the audience. The following addressed the Commission:

Mr. Dale Vinet, Shrimp Processor, Delcambre, LA advised that he has been fighting the small shrimp problem since November. The Enforcement Agents need to be advised as to what they can or cannot do as far as enforcement. Mr. Vinet believes that once the biologists look at this they will find about the same direction this year (Wine Island Pass to the Texas State Line) as was found the last year that Mr. Vinet was a Commissioner. Closing the three mile limit is not going to solve the whole problem because the shrimp are as far out as ten miles but it will help. If it would not had been for all the small shrimp that were caught this past winter there would be a great white shrimp season come this May. The State of Louisiana should not be in three zones but two zones. One zone should be from Wine Island Pass all the way to the Texas state line and another from Wine Island Pass all the way to the Mississippi state line. Something needs to be done to conserve the white shrimp.

Mr. Houston Foret advised that the fishermen have been fighting the three mile limit for a long time and a lot of shrimp were left in the area that was being discussed. If this is left alone, in the future the fishermen will benefit. The Texas people got the shrimp last year. Let the fishermen this year catch as much as they can, even forgetting about the hundred count law and also open the brown shrimp season earlier. If this doesn't work go back to what the department has been doing in the past. The three mile limit does not help anything. There is no law that says Texas people cannot go outside of three miles, catch the undersized shrimp and go back to Texas and sell them. The state would not benefit from the closure and would also be hurting the commercial fishermen in the State of Louisiana. Mr. Foret asked that no action be taken on this issue and advised that most of the complaints are coming from the crab fishermen.

Mr. Donald Liret, President of Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization. Mr. Liret wants the beach to be left open. Not one year since there have been beach closures has there been an economic benefit to the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Levy Brunet advised that he was against the closure of the season and asked that it be left as is. Louisiana should be tired of growing shrimp for Texas.

Mr. Vinet commented on the hundred count and stated that if anybody believed that white shrimp migrated to Texas then they had

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better go see the biologists because they do not know what they are talking about.

Mr. Ted Loupe, Gulf Side Seafood, Leeville, LA. The state laws were adopted into the federal law last year.

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Mr. Dean Blanchard, Blanchard Seafood, Grand Isle, LA. Mr. Blanchard would like to get the biologist to tell them what is happening to the shrimp. As it gets colder, the shrimp are getting clearer and skinner, are the shrimp going to live or die. If the shrimp are going to die they should be caught but if they live you may have a chance to catch them next year. Whether or not the shrimp are going to live or die needs to be answered first before a decision is made.

Mr. Pol pointed out that the resolution is delegating the authority to the Secretary to close the season when data proves such, and is not closing the season as of now. Mr. Milajevich asked about the Shrimp Plan coming from LSU through Dr. Richard Condrey. Chairman Jenkins advised that the plan is two years overdue and everytime he ask about it it's six more months. Mr. Roussel advised that there is a timetable now that everybody has agreed to and there will be a product. Mr. Roussel further stated that Mr. Puckett indicated that if the Commission passes the resolution today the department would be required to hold a public meeting prior to the Secretary taking any kind of action. *space*

Mr. Pol made a motion that the resolution as submitted to the Commission be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milajevich and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution  
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
February 6, 1992  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Commission, and

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WHEREAS, there has been an increase in both the number of complaints and the number of enforcement cases being made regarding the taking of illegal sized white shrimp in Louisiana's offshore waters,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to close the offshore shrimp season in part or all of those parts of the State territorial waters, if enforcement problems arise or if biological data indicates the need to do so, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to set special pink shrimp seasons or special white shrimp season, if technical data indicates sufficient quantities of marketable shrimp are available.

Jimmy Jenkins  
Chairman

Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

Ms. Wynnette Kees, Fiscal Officer, gave an **Update on Civil Penalties**. There was not much to report this month. They are now over the peak time in Commercial License Section so the staff is working on the back log of assessments and correspondence. Procedures have been implemented to fill the vacant position that will be responsible for the program which should increase collections considerably. The lifetime licenses went on sale January 1, 1992, and for the month of January thirty nine have been sold. Secretary Herring questioned Ms. Kees on the lifetime license and stated his concerns about losing money on these licenses in the long run. Ms. Kees explained that from every license bought fifty dollars goes into the Conservation Fund and the rest goes into the Endowment Fund to draw interest. Chairman Jenkins advised that he agrees with Secretary Herring on the economics of this and asked Ms. Kees to give a report at the next Commission meeting. Chairman Jenkins further asked Ms. Kees if an effort was being made to collect Civil Penalties. Mr. Kees advised that during the month of November, December, and half of January there were no assessments sent out because the group was busy with commercial licenses. Chairman Jenkins wants the department to make an effort to collect the money and wants a report next month giving firm times, dates, and plan to collect penalties.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement for January** was given by Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark. The following number of cases were made for the month of January 1992.

Region I - Minden - 56 cases.

Region II - Monroe - 75 cases.

Region III - Alexandria - 57 cases.

Region IV - Ferriday - 64 cases.

Region V - Lake Charles 286 cases.

Region VI - Opelousas 147 cases.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 139 cases.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 173 cases.

Region IX Thibodaux - 219 cases.

The Oyster Strike Force made 96 cases with 95 being commercial fishing violations and only 1 being boating; 450 sacks of oysters seized with four boats and dredges.

SWEP Section had 105 running hours; 17 boats checked; made 9 cases.

There was a total of 1,391 cases for the month of January.

The **Secretary's Report** was not given this month

The **Date for the April Commission Meeting** was set for Thursday, April 2, 1992, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 10:00 a.m. in the Louisiana Room.

Chairman Jenkins asked for **Public Comments**.

? [ Chairman Jenkins commented on the fish hatchery and its status and asked the department to follow up on this. The District Attorney's report needs to be put on a regular scheduled basis for reporting.

Mr. Mialjevich thanked the Governor for putting him on the Commission and thanked the Commissioners for letting him work with them. He is looking forward to working with the Commission and the public and would like to see rules and regulations made through the Commission and department that are going to consider the social and economic aspects and ramifications after a rule is passed not only on the harvester but also on related businesses that deal with these people. The main objective of Mr. Mialjevich being on the Commission is to save the habitat and eco-system. Without this there is no recreational or commercial.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Schneider for **Adjournment**. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

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Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

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# AGENDA

## LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION BATON ROUGE, LA FEBRUARY 6, 1992

- ✓ 1. Roll Call (*Introduction of Dept. New appointees*)
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 1992.
- ✓ 3. Ratification of Spotted Seatrout Management Measures - Warren Pol
- ✓ 4. Request to Amend Mullet Trip Limits - John Roussel
- ✓ 5. Ratification of Crab Trap Marking Rule - John Roussel
- ✓ 6. Update on Waterfowl and Deer Hunting Seasons - Robert Helm/Dave Moreland
- ✓ 7. Schedule of Meetings for Developing Proposals for 1993 Hunting Seasons - Hugh Bateman
- ✓ 8. *Shrimp Resolution* Update on Civil Penalties - Wynnette Kees
- ✓ 9. Monthly Law Enforcement Report - Winton Vidrine
- ✓ 10. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe L. Herring (*Gansschi*)
- ✓ 11. Set April Meeting Date
- ✓ 12. Public Comments

**COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL**

Thursday, February 6, 1992  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jimmy Jenkins (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Bert Jones	<u>      </u>	<u>✓</u>
Norman McCall (Vice Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Tee John Mialjevich	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Warren Pol	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Jeff Schneider	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Peter Vujnovich	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Herring is also present.

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This rule will become effective on February 20, 1992.

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Chairman



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December 30, 1991

The Honorable Randall E. Roach  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight  
House Natural Resources Committee  
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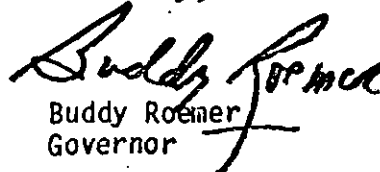
Dear Representative Roach:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968 I am hereby notifying you of my decision concerning the Subcommittee's action, taken on Friday, December 20, on the rules and regulations affecting the management of the spotted sea trout fishery in Louisiana. I have decided to disapprove the action of the Oversight Subcommittee in so far as it purports to find unacceptable paragraphs B and C of the proposed rules and regulations.

I strongly believe that the actions proposed by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission are reasonable and necessary for the protection and management of this important resource and that they should be implemented as soon as possible.

My thanks to you and your Oversight Subcommittee for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,

  
Buddy Roemer  
Governor

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December 20, 1991

Governor Buddy Roemer  
State of Louisiana  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Report of the House Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Oversight

Dear Governor Roemer:

In accordance with R.S. 49:968, enclosed is the report of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight which found unacceptable certain proposed rules by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission relative to the spotted seatrout management plan and the pompano and black drum permit regulations. The proposed rules were formally reviewed by the subcommittee on December 20, 1991. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed rule as submitted by the department.

Sincerely,

Randy Roach,  
Chairman

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Enclosure

House Natural Resources Subcommittee  
on Oversight

December 20, 1991

REPORT

Pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 49:968, the House of Representatives Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight met on December 20, 1991 and reviewed certain proposed rules by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a spotted seatrout management plan.

There was lengthy testimony both for and against the proposed rules. The opponents testified that the plan was not necessary, that it adversely impacted commercial fishermen and that there was insufficient scientific data to support the proposed rules. In accordance R.S.49:968(H)(2), the subcommittee determined that the provisions of the rules were severable. The subcommittee severed and found unacceptable the following portions of the proposed rule:

1. All of Paragraph B regarding the prohibition against the commercial taking of spotted seatrout on weekends during the open season, was found unacceptable without objection, after the substitute motion to accept the provision failed by a vote of 3 yeas and 7 nays.
2. All of Paragraph C regarding the annual quota and only the words "one million pound" in Paragraph D regarding the annual commercial quota for spotted seatrout, was found unacceptable without objection, after the substitute motion to accept the provision failed by a vote of 4 yeas and 6 nays.

Attached is a copy of the revised proposed rule. In accordance with R.S. 49:968, copies of this report are being forwarded this date to the governor, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Louisiana Senate, and the State Register.

Randy Roach

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Roach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and a trailing flourish.

Chairman,  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
House Natural Resources Committee

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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a rule to mandate marking of crab traps.

TITLE 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 345. Crab Trap Marking

Each crab trap shall be marked with a 1/2-inch stainless steel self-locking tag attached to the center of the trap ceiling. Said tags shall be supplied by the fishermen and shall have the commercial fisherman's license number (not the commercial gear license) or the recreational crab trap gear license number printed thereon.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18: (February 1992).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Chairman

February 6, 1992

**CONFIDENTIAL**

FISHING YEAR	COMMERCIAL SPOTTED SEATROUT LANDINGS											
	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
91-92	24,917	44,994	101,866	128,177								
90-91	(revised) 42,663	(revised) 54,724	(revised) 64,693	(prelim) 158,523	243,771	83,986	59,778	121,674	170,636	121,884	141,483	7,592
89-90	183,277	132,166	146,300	325,410	75,445	76,145	67,441	92,265	26,026	0	767	0
88-89	61,227	123,541	141,184	302,241	316,866	178,001	146,669	59,173	560	447	2	7
87-88	58,017	74,114	90,913	87,988	249,086	143,565	98,287	196,722	64,373	12,717	34,919	5,546
86-87	78,603	158,250	157,276	233,756	204,314	110,792	126,569	245,782	244,144	191,870	217,832	149,539
85-86	15,440	66,576	88,509	214,576	219,796	68,111	120,639	246,287	254,854	191,966	160,520	87,982
CUMULATIVE THROUGH MONTH												
	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
91-92	24,917	69,911	171,777	299,954								
90-91	(revised) 42,663	(revised) 97,387	(revised) 162,080	(prelim) 320,603	564,374	648,360	708,138	829,812	1,000,448	1,122,332	1,263,815	1,271,407
89-90	183,277	315,443	461,743	787,153	862,598	938,743	1,006,184	1,098,449	1,124,475	1,124,475	1,125,242	1,125,242
88-89	61,227	184,768	325,952	628,193	945,059	1,123,060	1,269,729	1,328,902	1,329,462	1,329,909	1,329,911	1,329,918
87-88	58,017	132,131	223,044	311,032	560,118	703,683	801,970	998,692	1,063,065	1,075,782	1,110,701	1,116,247
86-87	78,603	236,853	394,129	627,885	832,199	942,991	1,069,560	1,315,342	1,559,486	1,751,356	1,969,188	2,118,727
85-86	15,440	82,016	170,525	385,101	604,897	673,008	793,647	1,039,934	1,294,788	1,486,754	1,647,274	1,735,256

Based on the best data to date, we estimate that the 1.0 million pound quota would be reached sometime in the middle of May, 1992. This does not take into account the effect of possible reduced effort on weekends with the passage of the proposed rule.

Based on the same projection model, we estimate that the 1.25 million pound quota would be reached sometime around the middle of June to the middle of July. Again, this does not account for variation in effort due to weekend closures.

Harry Blanchet



DE enacted  
as directed by  
Comm. Mullet  
mullet

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S.49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) which delegates the authority to the Commission to set daily take and possession limits, based upon biological and technical data, and R.S.56:333 which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules for the harvest of mullet; the Wildlife and Fisheries hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

The limit for the taking of mullet outside of the established season of October 15 through January 12 is hereby set as 1500 pounds per day.

The Commission finds that the present limit of 200 pounds for that season constitutes an immediate threat to markets established for mullet as a food fish during the January 13th to October 14th period. The Commission further finds that no biological evidence has been presented to support the 200 pound limit. The loss of the ability to harvest in these quantities constitutes an imminent peril to the public welfare because of the irrevocable loss of income and commerce to the state.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

## LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON REPORT

1991-92

REGULATIONS

Louisiana chose to again split the waterfowl season and hunted under the conventional bag system. The West Zone duck season dates were November 16 to December 6 and December 28 to January 5. The East Zone seasons were November 23 to December 1 and December 16 to January 5, the framework closing date. The Catahoula Lake Zone was initiated this year with a straight duck season from November 23 to December 22. There was a statewide split season for goose hunting with season dates for snow and white-fronted geese from November 16 to December 7 and December 14 to January 30. A snow goose only season continued for 10 days to February 9. This was the second year of a 3-year experimental Canada goose season in a southwest Louisiana hunting zone. This 9 day season, with a daily bag of one Canada goose, was conducted during January 22-30. A state-issued permit was required to hunt Canada geese during this season. Steel shot regulations were applied statewide for the first time this year.

WEATHER AND HABITAT CONDITIONS

The 1991 statewide annual rainfall total of 80 inches was the largest amount recorded in over 100 years, and was 24 inches above the annual mean. Rain through the first half of the year was so far above average that several areas had already received the equivalent of their annual rainfall before the end of May. These abundant rains enhanced conditions for submergent vegetation while

reducing production of annual grasses and sedges in the coastal zone. In 1991, spring rains also caused a 50% reduction in the acreage planted to soybeans statewide and more than a 90% reduction in southwest Louisiana. September through October was a dry period with heavy rains in early November improving wetland habitat. Consequently, water levels in the coastal zone were higher than normal with sheet water available in agricultural fields over much of the state by mid-November. Good wetland conditions statewide were maintained through January by frequent rains. An early rise on the Mississippi and Ouachita Rivers provided good waterfowl habitat conditions in November and December. Temperatures were mild through most of the winter with the exception of 2 cold fronts during early November that produced record lows in Louisiana (mid-20's).

#### WATERFOWL POPULATIONS AND HUNTING SEASONS

Duck population surveys in the coastal zone were conducted in mid-November and early January with the December survey canceled. The estimates of total ducks in the coastal zone, particularly in the Southeast, during the 2 surveys were the highest recorded for November and January since 1980. Increases in the number of gadwall, green-winged teal and wigeon accounted for these high estimates.

Duck hunting success in southwest coastal marshes and rice fields was exceptionally poor in most areas. Exceptions to this were extreme southwest marshes, particularly during the first split. Hunting quality improved to the east with good success on

the Mississippi and Atchafalaya deltas and in the entire Bayou Penchant Basin. Reports from the eastern coastal zone indicate good hunting through most of the season. Persistent mild weather with fog during much of the season reduced hunter participation and success rates in this region.

Harvest information from the past 2 seasons were collected from several private, commercial and federal areas in the coastal zone. The combined total duck harvest for these areas this year was 5,825 and hunter efforts were 2,650; both basically unchanged from the 1990-91 hunting season. Success rates from these sites, which are premier hunting locations, were 2.2, also very similar to last years results. Harvest information from these clubs have closely tracked statewide trends in duck harvest during the past 5 years, however, I expect the results this year to not be representative. The harvest for the entire coastal zone is anticipated to be much less than the previous year.

Habitat conditions in north and central Louisiana were improved this year with an increase in "wet" agriculture land noted through most of the winter. Reports from hunters in managed fields indicates poor hunting success. Contrasting this are reports of good hunting in back water river bottoms of the Mississippi, Ouachita and Boeuf. A reduced harvest is expected from these northern sections of the state.

Despite extensive spring floods Catahoula Lake's annual drawdown in early July was accomplished on time for the first time in 3 years. Waterfowl food plants were abundant and ideal water levels were maintained until late November. The 362,000 ducks

recorded on the lake in mid-November was 60% more than November 1990 and significantly above the long term. Hunter bag checks on opening weekend indicated 1.9 ducks/effort with green-winged teal, pintail and ring-necked the most common in the bag. Water levels on the lake began to rise in late November with waterfowl use limited to divers after the first week of December. Rising water continued and practically eliminated most waterfowl hunting by early December. This also helped prevent waterfowl losses to lead poisoning and made this year's controversial straight season on the lake a non-issue.

Despite an improvement in the statewide availability of wetlands and high population estimates just prior to and following the close of the hunting season, a harvest reduction is anticipated for the state. Mild weather and frequent rains allowed ducks to disperse widely over the abundant habitat across the state.

Preliminary results from the recently completed experimental Canada goose season indicates 692 hunters purchased state permits. This is a 50% reduction from last years permit sales. To date, 188 harvest return questionnaires have been reviewed. Six of these permit holders did not hunt with the remainder bagging 75 Canada geese (0.41 geese/person).

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**WATERFOWL HARVEST  
1991-92 COMPARED TO 1990-91**

1991-92				1990-91				% CHANGE FROM 1991 TO 1990-91	
AREA	EFFORTS	HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	TOP 2 DUCKS IN BAG	EFFORTS	HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE	EFFORTS	HARVEST
Sabine NWR	1,399	3,217	2.3	Gadwall, Wigeon	1,295	2,893	2.2	+7%	+10%
Private Club Vermillion Parish	136	232	1.7	GWT, Pintail	239	358	1.5	-43	-35
Private Club Calcasieu Parish	284	643	2.3	Gadwall, Mallard	272	731	2.7	+4	-12
Private Club Vermillion Parish	549	1,090	2.0	Mallard, GWT	557	1,113	2.0	-1	-2
Private Club Lafourche Parish	278	645	2.3	Ring- necked, BWT	298	840	2.8	-7	-23
TOTALS	2,646	5,827	2.2		2,661	5,935	2.23	-1	-2

1991 DEER HARVEST  
EITHER-SEX GUN SEASONS  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

AREA	1990-1991			1991-1992		
	HUNTER EFFORT	TOTAL KILL	HE/DEER	HUNTER EFFORT	TOTAL KILL	HE/DEER
Alexander Forest	160	8	20.0	381	23	16
Ben's Creek	524	13	40.3	415	14	30
Big Lake	2,452	172	14.3	793	95	8
Boeuf River	1,907	110 known		943	101	9
Boise Vernon	NA	NA		2447	144	17
Fort Polk	3,255	109	29.9	3226	148	22
Georgia Pacific	2,004	159	12.6	1661	210	8
Grassy Lake	750	46	16.3	445	31	14
Jackson-Bienville	1,766	109 known	16.2	9250	554	17
Loggy Bayou				360	82	4
Quachita	477	45	17.2	470	72	7
Pearl River	461	16 known		651	26	25
Peason Ridge	NA	NA	NA	917	31	30
Pomme de Terre	300	9 known		182	13	14
Red River-Three Rivers	1,874	178 known		1842	156	12
Russell Sage	1,469	91	16.1	827	81	10
Sabine	884	54	16.4	947	58	16
Saline	1,057	40 known		1520	120	13
Sandy Hollow	NA	NA	NA	55	2	28
Sherburne	NA	271 known		5571	598	9
Spring Bayou	450	8 known		273	9	30
Thistlewaite	1,565	165	9.5	1090	102	11
Union	3,781	231	16.4	4213	279	15
West Bay	4,504	165	27.2	4884	178	27
TOTALS	29,640	1999	15	43,363	3,127	14

During the 1990/91 deer season daily check stations were not operated on nine WMAs. Personnel conducted bag checks of hunters and the figures shown do not represent the total harvest and hunter efforts for those areas.

The figures shown for 1991/92 represent data from deer actually checked by personnel at check stations during the regular either-sex gun hunt. It does not include totals for youth hunts, bucks-only seasons, archery season, or muzzleloader season. Deer harvest on the Bayou Macon WMA was as follows: Muzzleloader Season-671 hunters, 148 deer; Bucks-only Season-927 hunters, 52 deer.

Area 2 - East Feliciana

CAMP AVONDALE  
ANTLERED BUCK KILL

1983	2*
1984	1*
1985	4*
1986	3*
1987	4*
1988	1*
1989	1*/6**
1990	11**
1991	14**

\* Late Season - December (last week)

\*\* Early Season - November (second week)



RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

February 6, 1992

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Commission, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall have the authority to set special shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on salt water white shrimp shall average no more than one hundred specimens to the pound, and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in both the number of complaints and number of enforcement cases being made regarding the taking of illegal sized white shrimp in Louisiana's offshore waters,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to close the offshore shrimp season in part or all of those parts of the State territorial waters, if enforcement problems arise or if biological data indicates the need to do so, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to set special pink shrimp seasons or special white shrimp seasons, if technical data indicates sufficient quantities of marketable shrimp are available.

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Jimmy Jenkins  
Chairman

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Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

**ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**CASE REPORT**

**JANUARY 1992**

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JANUARY 1992**

**TOTAL CASES-56**

**ENFORCEMENT-56**

**OTHER - 0**

**18-Boating**

**19-Angling W/O A License ✓**

**9-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic. ✓**

**1-Fail To Maintain Records**

**3-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**

**1-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season**

**1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**

**3-Littering**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**3 ducks.**

**REGION 2**

**TOTAL CASES-75**

**ENFORCEMENT-75**

**OTHER - 0**

**4-Boating**

**3-Angling W/O A License ✓**

**11-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic. ✓**

**1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.**

**1-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**

**1-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules**

**5-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft**

**8-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**

**1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way**

**1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods**

**2-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.**

**REGION 2 CONT'D.**

- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours**
- 3-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road**
- 2-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season**
- 1-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally**
- 3-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours**
- 2-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**
- 1-Criminal Trespass**
- 9-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana**
- 1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated**
- 10-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**
- 1-Endangered Species Act**
- 1-Flight From An Officer**
- 1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

1 DMAP tag, 1 doe deer, 6 guns, 1 knife, 1 owl foot, 1 rock cocaine, 1-2oz. marijuana, 2 rabbits.

**REGION 3**

**TOTAL CASES-57**

**ENFORCEMENT-45**

**OTHER -12**

- 10-Boating**
- 16-Angling W/O A License**
- 2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.**
- 3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.**
- 3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.**
- 1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A Lic.**
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**

**REGION 3 CONT'D.**

- 2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.
- 6-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 3-Possess Over Limit Of Deer Or Bear
- 1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Littering
- 1-Possess Of Firearm By Convicted Felon
- 1-Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Info.

**CONFISCATIONS:**

6 deer, 1 rabbit, 1 woodduck, 3 rifles.

**REGION 4**

**TOTAL CASES-64**

**ENFORCEMENT-58**

**OTHER - 6**

- 10-Boating
- 4-Angling W/O A License
- 4-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.
- 2-Take Game Fish Illegally
- 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.
- 1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
- 2-Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets-Freshwater
- 1-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.
- 8-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 5-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

**REGION 4 CONT'D.**

- 1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.**
- 6-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours**
- 4-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road**
- 4-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season**
- 1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear W/Illegal Weapon**
- 2-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally**
- 8-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**3 deer, 3 white perch, 3 bass, 5 coons, 8 guns, 700 feet of 2 inch gill net, 6 hoop nets with leads, 1 set of lead nets.**

**REGION 5**

**TOTAL CASES-286**

**ENFORCEMENT-277**

**OTHER - 9**

- 46-Boating**
- 10-Angling W/O A Lic.**
  - 1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum**
  - 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.**
  - 7-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.**
  - 1-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.**
  - 1-Transport W/O Required Lic.**
- 15-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**
  - 5-Hunting W/O Non-Resident Lic.**
- 61-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft**
- 10-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**
- 43-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours**

**REGION 5 CONT'D.**

**44-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way**

**5-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp**

**1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season**

**9-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods**

**1-Hunt/Trap On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee**

**2-Possessing F.B.A. W/O License**

**1-Trap Or Sell F.B.A. Or Parts W/O Res. Or Non-Res. License**

**4-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp**

**1-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp**

**6-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours**

**2-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area**

**1-Hunting MGB From A Vehicle**

**1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**

**1-Littering**

**6-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**

**1-Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Info**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**2 coons, 1 woodcock, 6 geese, 6 teal, 1 nutria, 1 red drum, 160 lbs. grouper, 84 lbs. of trigger fish, 114 lbs. of warsaw snapper, 927 lbs of beeliners, 5160 red snapper, 220 lbs. cobia, 8716 amberjack. Total monies collected in sale of variety of fish was \$10,129.00.**

**REGION 6**

**TOTAL CASES-147**

**ENFORCEMENT-125**

**OTHER - 22**

**22-Boating**

**7-Angling W/O A License**

**REGION 6 CONT'D.**

**3-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.**

**1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs. Comm. Finfish**

**1-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.**

**1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.**

**1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.**

**1-Transport W/O Required Lic.**

**1-Take Or Poss. Undersize Commercial Fish**

**1-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp**

**24-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**

**1-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules**

**14-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft**

**8-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**

**15-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours**

**6-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way**

**3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road**

**1-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp**

**1-Use Firearm/Archery Equip. W/ Illegal Electronic Sights**

**3-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods**

**3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.**

**1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours**

**3-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season**

**2-Possess Over Limit Of Deer Or Bear**

**2-Hunt/Trap On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee**

**4-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally**

**1-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp**



**REGION 6 CONT'D.**

**3-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**

**7-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**

**1-Possession Of Illegal Type Firearm**

**2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**2 pintail ducks, 9 rabbits, 1 doe deer, 1 resident hunting license, 1 gill net, 4 guns, 142 undersize eel catfish, 2500 lbs. shrimp, 2 coons. Shrimp sold for \$1625.00.**

**REGION 7**

**TOTAL CASES-139**

**ENFORCEMENT-134**

**OTHER - 5**

**16-Boating**

**17-Angling W/O A License**

**6-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.**

**8-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**

**13-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft**

**4-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**

**13-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours**

**8-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way**

**2-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp**

**3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.**

**4-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours**

**1-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road**

**3-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season**

**2-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat**

**1-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear**

**REGION 7 CONT'D.**

- 2-Possession Of Untagged Deer Or Bear**
- 1-Fail To Wear Hunters Orange**
- 4-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp**
- 1-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp**
- 2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours**
- 5-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**
- 2-Hunting Ducks Closed Season**
- 2-Hunt MGB Without State Stamp**
- 1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**
- 3-Criminal Trespass**
- 5-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road**
- 1-Littering**
- 8-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**
- 1-Flight From An Officer**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**NONE**

**REGION 8**

**TOTAL CASES-173**

**ENFORCEMENT-167**

**OTHER - 6**

- 6-Boating**
- 23-Angling W/O A License**
- 5-Take Game Fish Illegally**
- 3-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish**
- 3-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum**
- 2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum**

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

- 1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout**
- 5-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum**
- 3-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout**
- 3-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.**
- 8-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.**
- 5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.**
- 6-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.**
- 4-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.**
- 1-Poss. Of Red Drum And Spotted Sea Trout**
- 8-Leave Nets Unattended**
- 3-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish**
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License**
- 2-Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours**
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel**
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear**
- 4-Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester Lic.**
- 3-Use Illegal Length Gill Nets-Saltwater**
- 11-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets**
- 5-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum Commercial**
- 2-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms**
- 2-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For Sixty Days**
- 1-Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters**
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Permit Regulations**
- 2-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**
- 1-Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters**

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**2-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**

**4-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A Lic.**

**5-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules**

**7-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft**

**16-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours**

**4-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way**

**1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods**

**3-Possessing F.B.A. W/O License**

**1-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally**

**1-Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**1-35 h.p. motor, 4 nets totaling 4,886, 3 unattended gill nets for a total of 1,000 feet, 2 rod and reels, 2 knives, 10 guns, 115 red drum, 48 black drum, 205 speckled trout, 57 black bass, 4 sheephead, 1 flounder, 31 sacks of oysters, 2 boxes of crabs, 12 red fish, 1 otter sold for \$6.00, 39 nutria sold for \$58.00, 3 teal, 3 wood ducks.**

**REGION 9**

**TOTAL CASES-216**

**ENFORCEMENT-203**

**OTHER - 13**

**16-Boating**

**8-Angling W/O A License**

**1-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.**

**3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum**

**2-Take Game Fish Illegally**

**7-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.**

**10-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.**

**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

**7-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.**

**4-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.**

**2-Fail To Maintain Records**

**1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman**

**3-Blocking Passage Of Fish**

**3-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents**

**1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets**

**2-Failure To Have Written Permission**

**3-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms**

**6-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)**

**1-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease**

**3-Take Oysters Closed Season**

**2-Unlawfully Stake Off Unleased Water Bottoms**

**1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly**

**1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For Sixty Days**

**2-Possession Of Untagged Oysters**

**11-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License**

**5-Fail To Post Oyster Lease During Harvest**

**1-Fail To Cull Oysters In Proper Location**

**9-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.**

**1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident Lic.**

**10-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft**

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**2-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.**

**1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game Lic.**

**8-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours**

**6-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegally From A Boat**

**3-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season**

**2-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear**

**1-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally**

**1-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins**

**7-Possessing F.B.A. W/O License**

**8-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**

**1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**

**4-Taking Robins-No Season**

**4-Resisting Arrest**

**4-Trespassing**

**1-Possession Of Marijuana**

**2-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated**

**3-Illegal Spotlighting Public Road**

**2-Littering**

**8-Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Minor**

**2-Reckless Operation**

**1-Resisting Officer By Flight**

**1-Driving W/O Operator License**

**3-Failure To Comply With Bowfin Regs.**

**1-Aggravated Assault On Officer**

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**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

117 choupic sold for \$117.00, 208 sacks of oysters, 23 lbs. of choupic eggs sold for \$90.52, 4 deer, 165 lbs of shad, 4 duck, 1 alligator, 1/2 box of crabs, 1 nutria, 2 gar fish, 1 catfish, 9 red drum, 1 mink, 1 robin, 2 outboard motors, 3 box traps, 18 weapons, 3 bags of drugs, 900 feet of gill net.

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-96**

**6-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area**

**2-Take Oysters From State Water Bottom**

**4-Take Oysters In Closed Season**

**2-Fail To Hold Oyster Tags For 60 Days**

**2-Have No Written Permission**

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**9-Fail To Fill Out Tags Correctly**

**2-Fail To Tag Containerized Oysters**

**4-Fail To Maintain Records**

**5-No Wholesale License**

**1-Buy From Unlicensed Fisherman**

**1-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef**

**1-Fail To Display Numbers On Vehicle**

**5-Have No Commercial License**

**7-Have No Vessel License**

**6-Have No Gear License**

**13-Have No Harvester License**

**3-Violate Sanitation Code**

**3-Lacey Act**

**1-Principle To The Act**



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**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.**

**1-Boating**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**450 sacks of oysters, 4 boats, 4 dredges.**

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**S.W.E.P.**

**RIPTIDE AND DELTA TIDE**

**105 HOURS RUNNING TIME**

**17 BOATS CHECKED**

**TOTAL CASES-9**

**1-No Oyster Harvester License**

**3-Gill Netting In Closed Area**

**1-Unattended Gill Nets**

**1-No Commercial Fish License**

**1-Possession Of Commercial Fish W/O Gill License**

**1-Possession Of Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License**

**1-Possession Of Undersize Black Drum**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**39-100 feet gill nets, 1,627 pounds of black drum which 1,051 lbs. were sold for \$315.30.**

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT -1213

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 73

TOTAL CASES OYSTER STRIKE FORCE- 96

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 9

GRAND TOTAL - 1391

NOTES:

**1992**

BIRTHSTONE: DIAMOND

**APRIL**

FLOWER: SWEET PEA

**1992**

You are only poor when you want more than you have.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTES:			1  APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  PALM SUNDAY	13	14	15	16	17  GOOD FRIDAY	18  PASSOVER BEGINS
19  EASTER	20	21	22	23	24	25
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# Conservation Easements and Land Trusts Workshop

Tuesday, February 11, 1992  
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Environmental considerations will be paramount in terms of land planning and profitability during the next decade in this country. Millions of acres of environmentally sensitive lands will be acquired by both public and private agencies for preservation, conservation and recreation.

Many landowners, farmers and sportsmen are looking for ways to protect their land and hunting property from development while simultaneously retaining the ability to earn income on that property. Protection of community green spaces and restoration of natural areas in our cities and urban areas are critical issues which must be addressed by real estate developers if quality of life in America is to be preserved.

Conservation easements and land trusts offer landowners the opportunity to guarantee that their property will remain in its natural state forever, while retaining certain land use practices. Perpetual restrictions on the use of land for conservation purposes obviously reduces the value of that land.

Because these restrictions serve society with important conservation purposes, federal tax law allows landowners to deduct this reduction in value from federal income taxes.

To alert landowners and their advisors to the nature and extent of conservation easements and land trusts in addressing land use issues and estate tax problems, the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center's Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with the Louisiana Forestry Association, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, and The Trust for Public Land will present a workshop on all aspects of conservation easements and land trusts.

This workshop was planned with landowners, accountants, appraisers, bankers, lawyers and professional foresters in mind.

## **Agenda** --- **Tuesday, February 11, 1992**

- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.      **Registration**
- 1:00      **Introduction** - C. A. "Buck" Vandersteen, Louisiana Forestry Association
- 1:05      **Why Are We Here?**  
Nancy Jo Craig, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana
- 1:20      **What is a Conservation Easement?**  
Bill Tomlinson, Delta Environmental Land Trust Association
- 1:45      **Break**
- 2:00      **Preserving Lands In Spite of Taxes**  
Stephen J. Small, Powers and Hall Professional Corporation
- 3:15      **Questions from the audience**
- 3:25      **Appraising Conservation Easements**  
James V. Davis Jr., MAI, Associate Appraisers Inc.
- 3:50      **Local Land Trusts** - William W. Abberger, The Trust For Public Land
- 4:15      **Panel Question and Answer Session**
- 4:40      **Reception**

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Registration fee: \$25 per person (includes Reception and Workshop Proceedings) Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make checks payable to Louisiana Forestry Association  
Send to: Louisiana Forestry Association, Drawer 5067, Alexandria, LA 71307-5067

## Registration

A registration fee of \$25 will be charged for all participants. This fee includes coffee and the reception following the meeting. Participants will also receive a notebook of material and information regarding conservation easements and land trusts. Early registration is suggested since meeting space is limited to 100-150 participants.

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## Location

The meeting will take place in Expo 2 & 3 of the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge. The hotel is easily accessible from Interstate 12 at Airline Highway and offers excellent parking and lodging accommodations for anyone needing to stay overnight. (9940 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; 504/924-7021; Reservations: 1-800-HOLIDAY)

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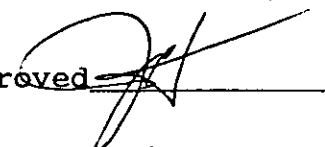
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WINTON VIDRINE

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NO AGENDA ITEMS

*Karl H. Turner*



*Clint*  
*John R.*  
*Bennie F.*  
*Karen F.*  
*1/9 csq*

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*No Major Fisheries Agenda Items*

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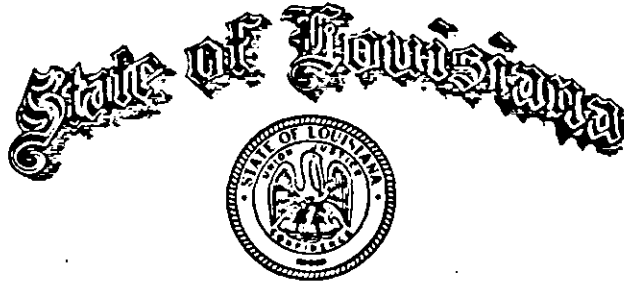
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*W. Cub Trap Marking*

*Capt. Pete - Request to amend*  
*Shullet Trip Limits*

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Fisheries Research Division.  
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*Information only - no action required*

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1) Update on waterfowl and deer hunting seasons - R. Helm, D. Moreland

2) Schedule of meetings for developing <sup>proposals for</sup> the 1992-93 hunting seasons ~~proposals~~ - H. Bateman

cc  
{ D. Morrison  
{ R. Helm  
{ D. Moreland



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1) Gary Hunter - Natural Heritage - Nothing  
2) Bennie Fontenot - Freshwater Fisheries - Nothing



*Same  
Blue + Gary  
any items for the  
2-6-92 LWC meeting?*

*Sharon  
1-15-92*  
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*nothing - Blue  
nothing - Gary*

*Sharon - nothing is scheduled  
for HCD.  
Sharon  
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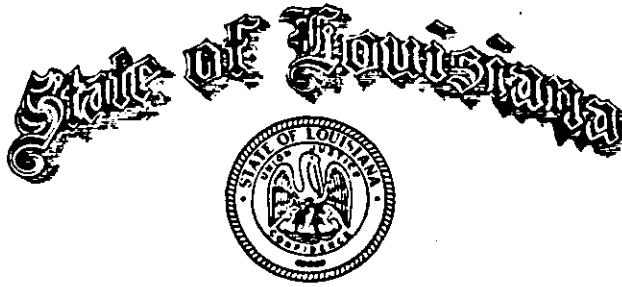
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Thanks,

*Dennie Fontenot/sch*



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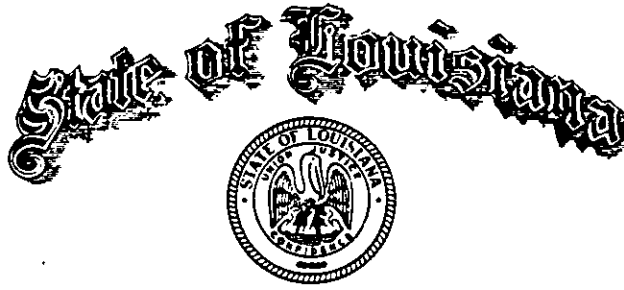
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*update on Civil Penalties  
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